

## RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2012 in Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre following the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm

**Present** Ernest Leach (Chairman) Cllrs, Paul Capstick, Alex Watts-Tobin, James Richardson, Helen Shields and Hilary Law  
Clerk. Chris Elphick  
District Councillor Ian Torkington  
Two members of the public

**Apologies for absence** had been received from Cllr Alison Morriss and County Councillor Peter Thornton

#### **Election of Chairman for the year 2012-2013**

The Chairman, Councillor Ernest Leach invited nominations for the position of Chairman for the ensuing year. Councillor Ernest Leach was nominated and elected unanimously. Cllr Leach signed a Declaration of Acceptance of the Office of Chairman.

#### **Election of Vice-Chairman for the year 2012-2013**

Councillor Leach took the chair and invited nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman.

Cllr Hilary Law was proposed and elected unanimously. Cllr Law signed a Declaration of Acceptance of the Office of Vice-Chairman.

#### **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of personal or prejudicial interest in any item on this agenda.

**Minutes of the Meeting** held on 8<sup>h</sup> March 2012 had been circulated and were signed by the chairman as a correct record.

#### **Annual Parish Meeting 2012**

The Annual Parish Meeting for Ravenstonedale 2012 was held at 7.30pm on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2012 immediately before the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Two members of the public attended as well as six parish councillors, the parish clerk and a district councillor.

There was a discussion on the relationship between Ravenstonedale Village and Newbiggin-on-Lune. It was suggested by the members of the public that the parish name should be amended to Ravenstonedale and Newbiggin-on-Lune for greater equality. This was countered by the argument that the parish has been Ravenstonedale for centuries and included also Fell End and Bowderdale, Weasdale etc. A longer title would also be too cumbersome and confusing.

It was noted that the interests of Newbiggin were well represented on the parish council by having three out of the seven parish councillors. Three others reside in Fell End and only one in Ravenstonedale village.

There being no further issues, the meeting closed to be followed by the AGM.

#### **Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre**

The Table Top/Garage Sale held on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May had raised more than £300 towards the building renovation and improvement fund.

A partition in the upper meeting room to accommodate the archive and equipment of the Ravenstonedale Parish History Group is almost complete. This will enable the remainder of the room to be used without disturbance of the history archive and give security for computer and other equipment.

## Planning Applications

No. 12/0301 Proposed change of use of existing barn to create a holiday let as part of a farm diversification scheme  
Type Full Application  
Location Lane Farm, Newbiggin-on-Lune CA17 4LY  
Applicant Mr A Davis  
Parish Council Support the renovation and re-use of this redundant traditional building.

## Finance

### Sums Received

Clerks' Training Bursary	£	19.50
Precept 2012-2013	£	16,000.00

### Accounts Paid prior to meeting

e-on (electricity)	£	104.46
SLCC (Clerk's Training)	£	46.80
Garsdale Design Ltd (Drawing & Graveyard Survey)	£	600.00

### Accounts for Payment

C J Elphick (May)	£	467.60
HMRC (Month 2)	£	12.40
Keith Pratt (Hall ceiling & roof repairs)	£	980.08

## Highways

Letter received expressing concern about traffic speeds at Town Head and suggesting a 20mph speed limit through the village. This has been passed to Cumbria Area Police Team at Penrith for their comments.

### Proposed works to Irish Ford at Town Head.

Following years of complaints about flooding Cumbria Highways are now proposing to construct new structure (presumably bridge) approximately 3 m downstream of the existing. The existing will remain in place during construction to enable access (especially emergency).

## Play Areas

The Akrigg family who had donated a commemorative seat for the Scandal Beck playground gathered to dedicate it on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April. Approximately twenty family members and friends attended. Ernest Leach, Caroline Morris and Chris Elphick joined them to represent the parish council.

Faults had been reported on the toddler swings at N-o-L play area. Spares have been ordered and repairs are in hand.

## Grasscutting 2012

It was confirmed that the cost of grasscutting in the parish will remain unchanged from last year.

## Parish Newsletter Spring 2012

Parish Newsletter Spring 2012 has been delivered to every household in the parish

## UECIC

There were no comments from councillors on the latest draft of the Upper Eden Neighbourhood Development Plan

## Public Participation

There were no further contributions from members of the public after the earlier Annual Parish Meeting.

**Date of next meeting** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2012

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman Date 14<sup>th</sup> June 2012